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SUBJ: ALGERIAN REACTION TO SUSPENSION US MIDDLE EAST EFFORTS

1. ALGERIAN MEDIA HAS MOVED CAUTIOUSLY IN REACTING TO SUSPENSION US MIDDLE EAST EFFORTS. INITIAL COVERAGE LIMITED EXCLUSIVELY TO REPORTING ON FACT OF SUSPENSION AND OTHER ARAB REACTIONS. SUBSEQUENT COMMENT, HOWEVER, FOCUSED ON WHAT COMES NEXT, WITH APPARENTLY GROWING UNDERTONE OF STRIDENCY WHICH NOW CUT OFF BY FAYSAL'S ASSASSINATION.

2. AFTER FIRST FACTUAL REPORTS, GOVERNMENT ALGERIAN PRESS SERVICE 23 MARCH "SYNTHESIS" EDITORIAL STRESSED THAT KISSINGER "FAILURE" DUE TO "BASIC UNREALITY OF EXCLUDING THE KEY ELEMENT OF PALESTINE" AND ENVISAGED NEXT STEP AS CONVENING OF GENEVA CONFERENCE.

3. EL MOUDJAHID EDITORIAL 25 MARCH REPEATED THAT BASIC REASON FOR "FAILURE" WAS REFUSAL TO RECOGNIZE THAT LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINE PEOPLE AND OBJECTIVES OF STEP-BY-STEP DIPLOMACY WERE INCOMPATIBLE. ANOTHER EDITORIAL NOTED (1) "RELIEF OF ARAB NATION AT FAILURE"; (2) ISRAEL'S /UNEQUALLED INTRANSIGENCE AND INCREDIBLE UNREALITY"; AND (3) "DILATORY MANEUVERS OF HACHEMITE

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REGIME WHOSE TIES TO US ARE WELL KNOWN." EDITORIAL

CONCLUDED "OCTOBER WAR CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED THAT TIME
HAS WORKED AND IS WORKING IN FAVOR OF ARAB NATION.
REGIME WHICH BASES ALL ITS POLICY ON FORCE ONLY UNDER-
STANDS LANGUAGE OF ARMS. WILL ARAB RIGHTS COME ONLY
FORM MOUTH OF A GUN?"PARKER

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